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Hampton National Historic Site  
(Hampton Mansion, Hampton Hall)  
535 Hampton Lane  
Towson  
Federal

1783-1790

Hampton Mansion, historically known as Hampton Hall, is a fine example of late Georgian architecture in America. The mansion is situated at the top of a hill and dominates the surrounding landscape. It has a symmetrical five-part linear plan: a large 7-bay-wide 2 1/2-story central structure connected to two 2 1/2-story dependencies with one-story hyphens. The house is constructed of gneiss-schist rubble stone covered with stucco scored to resemble fine coursed ashlar masonry. The original stucco was rusticated with penciled lime joints. The original wood shingle roofing was replaced in the 19th century with slate. On both the north and south facades, the central three bays are covered by a 2 1/2-story pedimented portico supported by large square columns. The windows within the portico have shouldered architrave and pediments. On both facades, the portico has a modillioned cornice, a Palladian window in the tympanum, and a finial at the peak. Similar finials stand at the corners of the portico roof and the corners of the main gable roof. On each floor, a central door opens onto the portico; the second floor of the portico has an elaborate Chinese Chippendale balustrade. The first and second floor entrances on both facades are flanked with Doric pilasters, and have open pediments and fanlight windows. On the first floor, the fanlights are filled with 19th century colored glass with the Ridgely coat of arms. Windows are 12/12 sash on the first floor and 8/12 above. A belt course separates the first and second stories. On either side of the portico the roof is

pierced by two elaborate gable-roofed dormers with round-arched windows with tracery. At the center of the ridgeline is a large domed octagonal belvedere with 12/12 sash windows separated by Tuscan columns, and topped by a finial. Two interior chimneys rise from either end of the gable roof. The gable ends of the main block are four bays wide, with a single 8/8 sash window in each of the pedimented attic gables. Between the two chimneys on either end is a traceried false bullseye window with round architrave and keystones. On each face of the hip-roofed dependencies, which are two bays wide on the north and south facades, are a single 8/8 sash gable-roofed dormer window. The easternmost and westernmost of these dormers are false, each containing a single stuccoed chimney stack. The hyphens, three narrow bays wide, are gable roofed, with a front pediment. Each holds a central entrance flanked by 9/9 sash windows. On the interior, the house has a Georgian plan. The wide center hall connects the north and south entrances, with two rooms to either side. The two rooms on the east side are separated by a passage and stairway to the second floor. Floors throughout the house are of pine, and those on the first floor are precisely matched in size. The major rooms have elaborate mantels, cornices, wainscoting, and window architraves. The property also includes an extensive array of support buildings, including an orangery, two stone stables in the vicinity of the house, and a farm complex across the road. Buildings of particular note at the latter site include an 18th century farm manager's house and three slave quarters.

Hampton Hall was built between 1783 and 1790. It was probably designed in collaboration between Captain Charles Ridgely (1733-1790), the owner, and Jehu Howell (?-1787), a highly skilled builder and carpenter. Two of Hampton's inhabitants, Captain Ridgely and his heir and nephew General/Governor Charles Carnan Ridgely (1760-1829) made significant contributions to Maryland's agriculture, industry, and government. Under their direction Hampton developed into one of the largest agricultural plantations in the state. Hampton was owned and managed by the Ridgely family for over 200 years. At the time of its construction in the 1780s, Hampton Mansion was one of the largest Georgian houses in Maryland, and it remains an outstanding example of late Georgian architecture. With its massive size, symmetrical five-part Palladian plan with carefully orchestrated hierarchy of spaces, and its bold yet finely executed ornament, Hampton remains an important example of Georgian architecture in an American country house. Equally significant are the terraced gardens and the array of important support structures. The farm manager's house is a fine example of mid-18th century domestic building, and the three associated slave quarters are the most complete example of antebellum slave housing in the state. Hampton National Historic Site is owned by the National Park Service and is open to the public.

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District IX  
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Built by Charles Ridgely. Late Georgian style, of local stone. Stuccoed, wide portico, large cupola, ornate dormers, etc. Formal gardens, originally.

Part of a 7,000-acre estate once owned by the Ridgely family; lived here 158 years.

Now a National Historic Landmark

In National Register 1968

NO NR FORM EXISTED OF 9/93

(First HABS Report)  
E. Frances Offutt  
HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE  
COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

July 29, 1965



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Mansion Entrance Dr. & Parking Lot

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## DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

<b>PARK NAME, STATE</b> <u>HAMPTON NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, MARYLAND</u>	
<b>STRUCTURE NAME(S):</b> <u>BRICK BARBECUE</u>	
<b>PROPERTY / DISTRICT NAME:</b> <u>HAMPTON NHS</u>	
<b>LOCATION</b>	Street Address: <u>535 HAMPTON LANE</u> Town / City: <u>TOWSON</u> Municipality: <u>n/e</u> County: <u>BALTIMORE</u> PARK Tract #: <u>n/e</u> DATE BUILT: <u>1948-1953</u> LCS: <u>n/e</u> PARK #: _____
<b>SIGNIFICANCE</b> National <input type="checkbox"/> State & Regional <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA</b> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE</b> <p>Barbecue is located within the yard area of the Farm House and is a rudimentary structure that may have been built during the occupancy of the Farm House by John Ridgely, Jr. It is a non-descript structure that has no known association to the later Milk Farm introduced by the Ridgely's or to the formal landscape designed and built for the Ridgely's.</p> <p>Through its lack of association to the Ridgely Dairy operation and the formal landscape at the main mansion, the barbecue is not significant either architecturally or historically to the overall themes or contexts to Hampton either individually or collectively.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Continuation Sheet? <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<b>NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION</b> <p>Brick barbecue, poorly constructed, measures 3'-4" x 3'-9" x 1'-2" high. Metal grate cooking surface measures 2'-0" x 2'-0".</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Continuation Sheet? <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<b>National Park Service, MARO</b> Individually Eligible <input type="checkbox"/> Contributes to: Property <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Potential District <input type="checkbox"/> Not Eligible & Does Not Contribute to Property/District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficiently Documented, Treat as Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>State Historic Preservation Office</b> Concur <input type="checkbox"/> Do Not Concur <input type="checkbox"/>  Comments: <u>Per request of NPS,</u> <u>DOE deferred until</u> <u>NR nomination prepared</u> <u>EAH</u> <u>10/26/95</u>
Regional Director, <u>MARO NEFA</u> <u>Pamela J. Hilde</u> for Field <u>9/5/95</u> Form Prepared By: <u>Stephen M. Clerk</u>	



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Barbeque at Overseer's House

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# DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

PARK NAME, STATE: HAMPTON NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, MARYLAND

STRUCTURE NAME(S): BRICK OCTAGONAL HERB GARDEN

PROPERTY/DISTRICT NAME: HAMPTON NHS

LOCATION Street Address: 535 HAMPTON LANE  
Municipality: n/a

Town/City: TOWSON  
County: BALTIMORE

DATE BUILT: 1970-1980

IDLCS: none

PARK #:

SIGNIFICANCE: National ☐ State & Regional ☐ Local ☐

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA: A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐

Herb garden terrace does not relate to mansion or outbuildings; however, the structure is constructed over top of the foundations of the removed octagonal Servant's Quarters. Therefore, the site may contain archeological significance, but the existing herb garden structure does not possess any architectural or historical significance.

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## DESCRIPTION:

Octagonal-shaped herb garden terrace built over foundation remains of original octagonal Servants' Quarters. The local garden club built this structure with radiating brick arms, emanating from circular brick center garden (radius approx. 6') to separate the garden beds. At the center of the radiating arms and center garden is a sundial. The total diameter of the octagonal garden is approx. 25', w/ each base of octagon 10'4". The herb garden is located within the original brick garden terrace at the east end of the kitchen.

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## State Historic Preservation Office Comments

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Brick Octagonal Herb Garden

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## DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

PARK NAME, STATE: HAMPTON NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, MARYLAND

STRUCTURE NAME(S): ENTRANCE DRIVE CULVERTS

PROPERTY/DISTRICT NAME: HAMPTON NHS

LOCATION Street Address: 535 HAMPTON LANE  
Municipality: n/aTown/City: TOWSON  
County: BALTIMORE

DATE BUILT: 1950-1980

IDLCS: none

PARK #:

## SIGNIFICANCE:

National ☐State & Regional ☐Local ☐NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA: A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐

Culvert system does not relate to Hampton Mansion or Estate. Structures have no historical or architectural significance.

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## DESCRIPTION

Culvert system was installed by the park service after acquisition of the site. Three separate drains exist under original entrance drive, although only two outfalls were located. The system consists of a drainage grate and box connected to a corrugated metal pipe (CMP). Two boxes are 3' square, one box is 18" square. CMP's are 12" in diameter w/ erosion sediment present in one making it approx. 12' x 8".

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Culverts on Entrance Drive

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<b>PARK NAME, STATE</b>		<u>HAMPTON NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, MARYLAND</u>	
<b>STRUCTURE NAME(S):</b>		<u>PARK MAINTENANCE BUILDING</u>	
<b>PROPERTY / DISTRICT NAME:</b>		<u>HAMPTON NHS</u>	
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Street Address:</b>	<u>535 HAMPTON LANE</u>	<b>Town / City:</b> <u>TOWSON</u>
	<b>Municipality:</b>	<u>n/a</u>	<b>County:</b> <u>BALTIMORE</u> <b>PARK Tract #:</b> <u>n/a</u>
<b>DATE BUILT:</b>	<u>1980-1990</u>	<b>LCS:</b>	<u>n/a</u> <b>PARK #:</b> _____

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<b>NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA</b>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	B <input type="checkbox"/>	C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE</b>			
<p>No association with Hampton Estate or Mansion. Structure possesses no architectural or historical significance either collectively or individually for inclusion to the National Register.</p>			
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<b>NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION</b>	
<p>Park Maintenance facilities/equipment building is a 1 story, 4 bay wide, 1 room deep low-pitch gable roof. Clad in vertical aluminum siding. Approx. 25' x 80'.</p>	
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Park Maintenance Bldg & Storage Shed  
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## DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

PARK NAME, STATE: HAMPTON NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, MARYLAND

STRUCTURE NAME(S): PICKET FENCE

PROPERTY/DISTRICT NAME: HAMPTON NHS

LOCATION Street Address: 535 HAMPTON LANE  
Municipality: n/aTown/City: TOWSON  
County: BALTIMORE

DATE BUILT: 1980

IDLCS: none

PARK #:

SIGNIFICANCE:

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NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA: A \_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_

Structure does not relate to Hampton Mansion or Estate. The picket fence has no architectural or historical significance.

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## DESCRIPTION:

The picket fence is located southeast of the Mansion and surrounds the vegetable garden. It was erected as an interpretive piece to designate an area where the Hampton vegetable garden may have been located. The demarcation and fence pattern is based on conjecture. Fence is approx. 73'-4" x 66'-8", total length is approx. 280'.

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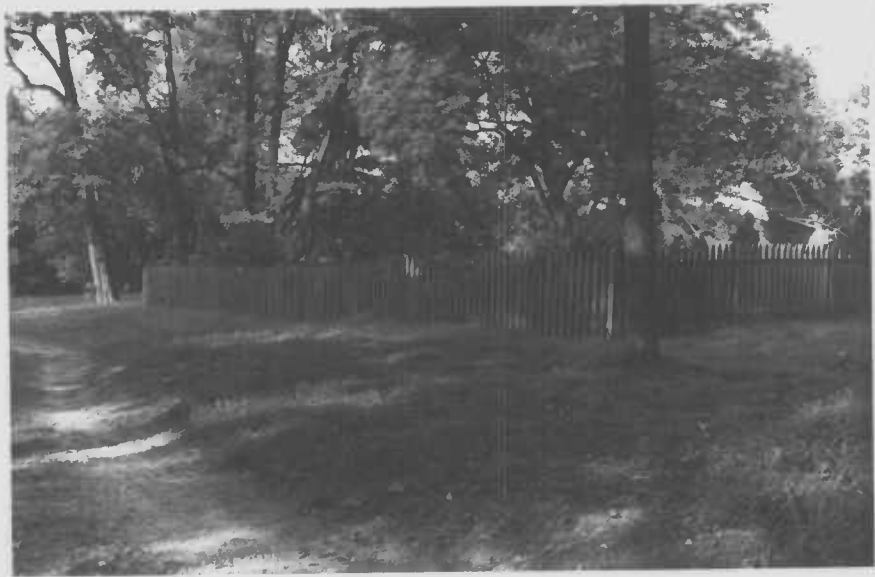
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